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**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DSCC ASSOCIATES AND TENANT ACTIVITY
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SUBJECT: Domestic Violence Abuse Prevention Month

Each year we set aside October to focus on ways to stop domestic violence and to create safe homes and communities for the Installation's associates and their families. Prevention means more than simply stopping the violence and abuse. It also means thinking ahead, anticipating problems and acting early.

Building and maintaining health and violence-free relationships creates safe and secure homes and communities and provides a model for the next generation. What we do today to prevent domestic violence will have profound effects on the way our children learn to become responsible and caring adults. We now know that homes with violence between adults are dangerous for both adults and children, and have far reaching effects on future behavior.

Violent behavior is learned. We must all work to assure that our families practice violence-free relationships that allow our children to grow up with positive memories and skills that will break the cycle of domestic violence. Violence can destroy personal lives, impact mission readiness and diminish the quality of life. Everyone in our community has a role to play.

I urge you to participate in domestic violence prevention activities throughout October here at DSCC and in our local community. Domestic violence prevention is not a one-month event, but continues all throughout the year. I encourage you to model health relationships every day of the year.


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